

Workforce Partnership of Greater Rhode Island

Strategic Development committee

April 16, 2010

Present: Bob Cooper, Everett Amaral, Fred Ricci, Joe Oakes, Nancy Roderick, Paul Harden

Guest and staff: Jen Buck, Shirley Winslow, Mavis McGetrick, Kathie Shields, Cheryl DaCosta and Sue Chomka

Absent: Allen Durand, Betty Pleacher, Susan O'Donnell, Wendy Kagan and Carmen Ferguson

With quorum present, Chair Paul Harden called the meeting to order at 8:35 A.M. Mr. Harden asked everyone to review the minutes from the previous meetings of December 11, 2009 and February 19, 2010.

VOTE: Mr. Cooper motioned to approve the minutes from December 11, 2009. Mr. Amaral seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTE: Mr. Cooper motioned to table the minutes for February 19, 2010. The reasons for the tabled minutes, more details were needed for the new Contextualized Learning RFP. Mr. Amaral seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Update on netWORKri Centers: Ms. Chomka gave an update on the netWORKri centers.

- Woonsocket center has been upgraded with Herman Miller Product. The upgrade included cubicles, desks and chairs.**
- Pawtucket's reconfiguration and infrastructure has meeting rooms for the 16 TANF employees and DHS staff.**
- Wakefield is not open, the carpeting has been laid and they will be bringing in the furniture. They will be proceeding with the interviewing of staff.**
- Middletown is a full time office to be kept open with a permanent staff. Staffing will be DHS and netWORKri employees. They will be sharing space.**
- The hours for all the netWORKri centers will be 8 am to 4 pm.**

WPGRI Policy # PY09-07: Ms. Buck discussed the Priority of Service under Limited Funding. The purpose of this assurance is to prepare for the event that funds allocated to a local area for adult employment and training activities under WIA section 134(d) (2) (E), paragraph (2) (A) or (3) of section 133 (b) are limited, priority shall be given to recipients of public assistance and other low income individuals for intensive services and training services.

VOTE: Mr. Harden motioned to accept WPGRI POLICY # PY09-07, Priority of Service Under Limited Funding. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ISDI update: Ms. Buck introduced guest speakers Kathie Shields and Cheryl DaCosta from Tech Collective.

Ms. Shields discussed what Tech Collective is: the technology industry association of RI - Information Technology and Bioscience industries. It is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization, which derives funding for membership, fundraising and grants. It is an Industry Partner for IT and Bio with GWBRI and ISDI Grants for IT and Bio with WPGRI.

Ms. DaCosta discussed the ISDI Grant-IT Year 1 program of the training and development component. She spoke about the partner companies and incumbent worker training. She also discussed wage increases, promotions and certificates in relation to training. Other components discussed: The Youth Greenhouse Activities and One Stop Activities that include staff training.

New Business: Bidders Conference for the Contextualized Training RFP will be held at the Marriott in Providence on Monday, April 26, 2010.

Old Business: There was no old business to come before the Strategic Development Committee.

VOTE: Everett Amaral motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 A.M. Nancy Roderick seconded the motion. The motion passed

unanimously. The next meeting of the Strategic Development is scheduled for May 21, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Winslow